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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 7, 2006, Applicant proposes the following amendment for the above-identified patent application:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this correspondence.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this correspondence.